

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a new satellite TV subscriber and am OPPOSED to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will result in LOSS OF COMPETITION and resultant PRICE INCREASES.

By merging, the combined company will be a local MONOPOLY just like the cable television companies that I've been a victim of for the past decade. This merger will make satellite television a SINGLE ALTERNATIVE to cable in our community. As for the 'competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL CLAIM,' consumers already have competitive choice for Internet access.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television service, I urge you to OPPOSE the merger.

Sincerely,

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